

Serial No.: No Assigned

Filed: Herewith

723. A nucleoside according to claim 12 wherein said electron transfer moiety is attached via a linker at said 2' position.

A nucleotide comprising a ribose comprising a covalently attached electron transfer moiety at the 2' position.

25. A nucleic acid comprising a nucleoside comprising a ribose comprising a covalently attached electron transfer moiety at the 2' position.--

REMARKS

Claims 12-25 are pending in the application. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification; see for example Figures 4A, 4B and 6, the examples, and a variety of places in the specification.

The applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and an early notification of such is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

FLEHR HOHBACH TEST ALBRITTON & HERBERT LLP

Robin M. Silva Reg. No. 38,304

Four Embarcadero Center Suite 3400 San Francisco, CA 94111-4187 Telephone: (415) 781-1989 614445

X